MARFORLANT FORCE SURGEON AND STAFF

Our privilege and pleasure to present:

INFORMATION BRIEF

to the

Navy Surgeon General

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FROM OUR COMMANDANT

- "This past year, Marines demonstrated once again that they are the most important entity on any battlefield." "During Operations IRAQI FREEDOM and ENDURING FREEDOM, our small unit leaders' skills, adaptability, and flexibility produced victory on uncertain and at times chaotic battlefields."

GENERAL M.W. HAGEE, USMC 10 NOV 2003

U.S. MARINE CORPS FORCES, ATLANTIC

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- MARFORLANT is one of three major Marine Corps commands (along with U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific and U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Reserve), that provide operating forces to support Unified, Joint Task Force Commanders, and Fleet Commanders. MARFORLANT serves as principal advisor to JFCOM on Marine Corps Matters. Other “hats” including MFS, MFE, 8

The Warfighting Arm of MFL

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- The war fighting arm of MARFORLANT is the II Marine Expeditionary Force (II MEF).

- II MEF is composed of over 45,000 personnel from the 2nd Marine Division, 2nd Force Service Support Group and 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing.

- Task organization, tailored forces stressing agility, flexibility and

OUR FORCES:

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- Joined I MEF in the largest and most complex deployment since 1991 in support of OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM and OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM
- Recent Presidential Unit Citation
- Over 28,000 deployed
- In addition, JTF Horn of Africa, Georgia Equip and Train, numerous operations and exercises throughout the world.
- Expeditionary, globally engaged, "numerous pick up games"

OPERATIONAL HSS

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- Newly graduated GMO's
- Level of care -- 1 and 2
- Expeditionary platforms may have little seniority or experience in planners, physicians
- FAC-U very important
- Reserve integration, Program 9 very important– needed quickly, process tends to be slow
- Personnel policies different in Navy and Marine Corps such as for stop loss

Force Health Protection

1. **Create a Healthy and Fit Force** - So that when we put a pair of muddy boots somewhere, the Sailor or Marine wearing them is physically, mentally and socially able to accomplish any mission our nation calls upon them to perform.

2. **Deploy with them to protect** - The battlefield is the “office place” of the warrior, who deserves the best possible protection from hazards that could prevent mission execution.

3. **Restore health: deployed, and at home** - If numbers 1 or 2 fail, we are with them to deliver world class care: treatment, stabilization, medical evacuation. At exactly the same time AND level of importance, we deliver care to the spouses and families at home.

4. **TRICARE For Life** - We help a grateful nation thank its retired warriors by giving them and their families health care for life.

Charlie-Papa:
Steaming to Assist

ACTIVITIES

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- Work in constant coordination with operations staff to provide optimal medical and dental force packages in support of all operations- identify requirements, shortfalls, coordination with N931 to provide support
- medical aspects of OPORDS, DEPORDS
- Strategic level focus
- Anthrax, smallpox vaccine programs
- Pre and post deployment health

ACTIVITIES

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- **Oversee Force Health Protection (FHP)**
  - Healthy & Fit Force
  - Disease Prevention
  - Casualty Prevention
  - Casualty Care
- **Advise the Commander on medical matters**
- **Validate Medical/Dental Planning**
- **Coordinate Medical Reserve Component Support**
  - MARFORES TR&O
- **Professional Affairs (Credentialing)**

ACTIVITIES

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- **Operational Stress Control and Readiness (OSCAR)**
  - Manpower Intensive (SNCO)
  - Pilot in progress
- **Medical Lessons Learned**
  - Navy Medicine Lessons Learned – N931/NOMI
  - Hotwash conducted at NOMI during July to gather observations and issues on Navy/Marine Corps HSS interoperability and “blue-in-support-of-green” in relation to OIF
  - Result of this effort to be entered into both NLLS and MCLLS
- **Medical Augmentation Program**
  - Right person, right billet, right training, right support
  - Work closely with BUMED and HSO Norfolk/Jax
- **Sick Call AMAL**

ACTIVITIES

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What we provide for HQ Staff:

- Staff Medical/Dental Readiness
- Health Record Maintenance
- Immunizations/HIV/PPD/ (shotex)
- Annual Dental Screening (Dental Van)
- HM PT coverage
- Assist Semper Fit Program
- Force Health Protection Briefs, Pre and Post Deployment Health Assessment for MFL staff

HSS Organization

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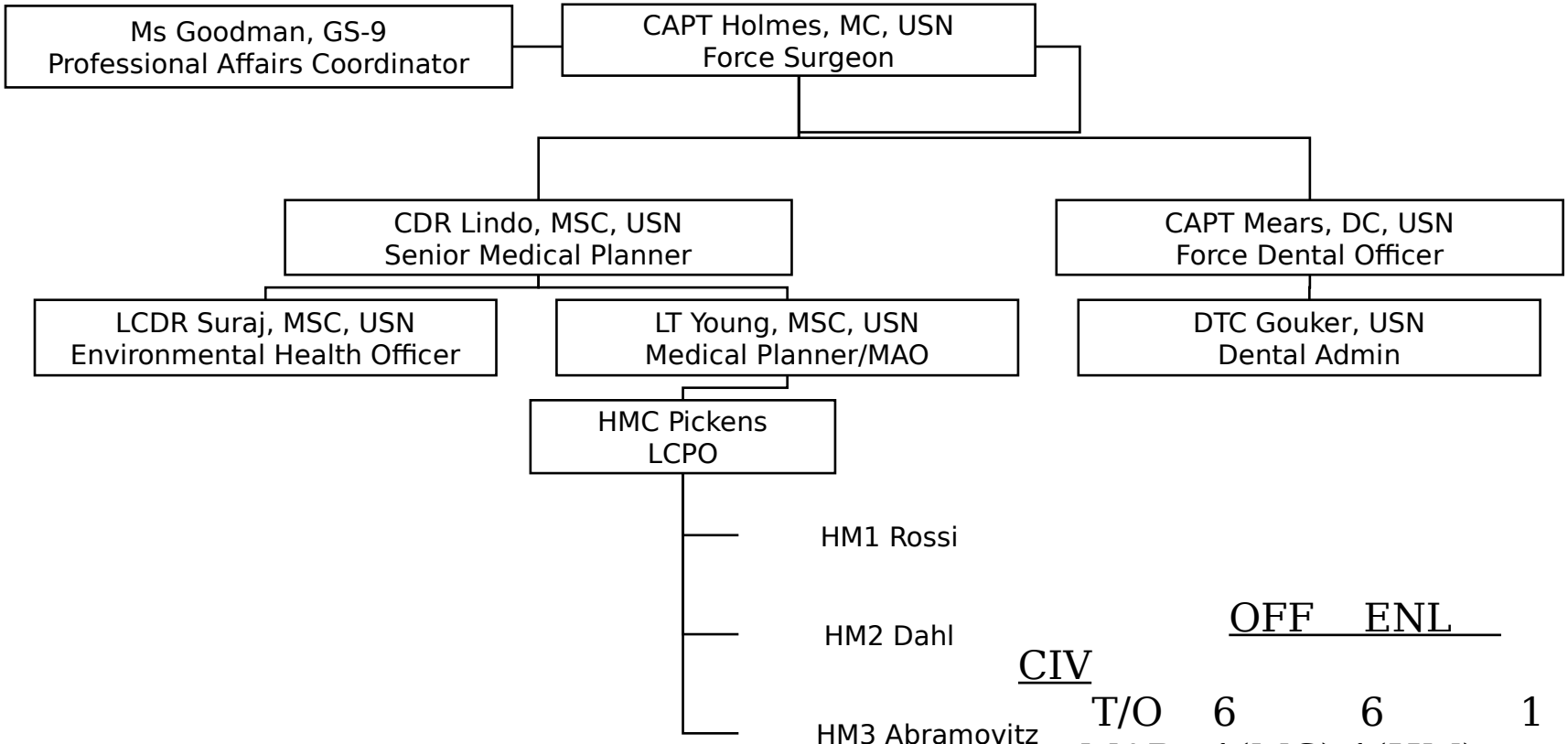

	OFF	ENL	CIV
T/O	6	6	1
MAP	1(MC)	1(HM)	
O/H	5	5	1

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Coordination/Interface

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- JFCOM
- EUCOM
- SOUTHCOM
- CNO N931
- CFFC
- II MEF
  - 4thMEB/AT,2DMARDIV, 2DFSSG,2DMAW,2MEB
- BUMED
- NMC PORTSMOUTH, VA
- HSO, Norfolk and Jacksonville
- MARFORRES
- MARFORSOUTH
- MARFOREUR
- HQMC
- MCSFBN
- MCCDC/SYSCOM
- MARFORPAC
- NEHC

FORWARD RESUSCITATIVE SURGICAL SYSTEM

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CAPABILITIES: (Standard)

- Smaller Footprint
- Stabilization surgery for severe battlefield traumatic injuries
- Treat up to 18 patients in a 48-hour period
- Task organized
- Not self-sustaining
- Augments an STP or Regimental Aid Station

General Surgeon	1	Anesthesiologist	1
Critical Care Nurse	1	IDC	1
OR Techs	2	8404 Corpsman	2

INITIATIVES

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- **TMIP-M (Theater Medical Information Program-Maritime)**
  - Integration of medical information systems to capture the med record and link care in the "theater of conflict"
  - Aggregates 5 primary med data that SAMS can't
    - C4I, Medical OPS, PT movement/evac, medlog
  - Infrastructure acquisition in support of TMIP-J
  - FOC projected for FY08
  - Operational testing dates are moving targets
- **Preventive Medicine AMAL**
  - Updating to expand capability and responsive to conduct environmental surveillance

Operational Stress Control and Readiness (OSCAR)

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Overview:

- OSCAR is a program designed to combat the HIGH suicide rates in the Marine Corps

Discussion:

- The Marine Corps has the highest suicide rate within DoD. Over 2,100 Marines are administratively separated each year for psych related problems at an individual cost of at least $65K wasting over $100M annually
- Current Mental Health support services for USMC mirror civilian models and lack coordination, operational training and accountability to the operational forces thus limiting their effectiveness.
- OSCAR provides a multidisciplinary team that focuses on early and coordinated intervention, expeditionary, accountability to operational forces, and fulfills DOD 6490.5 Combat Stress Control Program (Feb 1999) requirement.
- Programming costs are either $3M or $5M depending on MEF or MSC implementation. Concepts call for 36 SNOCS and with MEF implementation, 6 additional psychiatrists Best estimate on implementing OSCAR is a 25% overall reduction in Admin Separations, psych hospitalizations, and suicides. Study conducted at 2D MarDiv.

Involvement:

- HQMC HS is the program sponsor. MFL/MFP will monitor implementation and T/O

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Civilian PAC position established, providing consistency and coherence in policy and implementation. Centralized MARFORLANT Privileging Authority, MFP attempting to implement similar system.

Led the medical planning and implementation for the Reception, Staging and Onward (RSO) movement of redeployment effort for Operation Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom. Issues addressed include post deployment health assessment, blood collection and PPD testing for all returning personnel (Active and Reserve) and demobilization physicals for reservists.

Combination and coordination with other operational capabilities, for example, EMU and FRSS in Djibuti. Future joint opportunities, plug and play capabilities will be explored.

FUTURE CHALLENGES

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- Ad hoc planning creates special challenges
- Coordination essential for joint employment
- Limited footprint often required by operational commander
- Systems and structures need to be efficient or effective to meet operational needs (MAPS, supply systems)
- Training, IMIT need to be tailored for operational environment
- The basic tenets of Force Health Protection must come first and be ever present in all the interactions of our clinicians. These are our roots and must always be our primary concern

IN CONCLUSION

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- "The culture that defines the Marine Corps is nurtured by our traditions. In celebrating our heritage, we strengthen the linkages to a glorious history and recommit ourselves to upholding the standards and values given to us by past generations." General M.W. Hagee, USMC

THANK YOU

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Best wishes for a wonderful Thanksgiving

- **God bless our Corps, our country and all the outstanding men and women of Naval Medicine serving throughout the world.**